

FINANCE COMMITTEE

LEWISTON, MAINE

February 13, 2006

PRESENT:

Roger Provencher, Councilor Mark Paradis and Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien and Robert Reed.

ABSENT: Ronald Paradis

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Provencher.

On motion of Ms. O'Brien , seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(8-2006) To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated January 23, 2006 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis , seconded by Ms. O'Brien it was

VOTED:

(9-2006) To award Bid 2006-005 on Roll Off Containers for the Solid Waste Facility to Leavitt & Boucher, Dover, NH, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$12,586 for two 30 cubic yard Roll Off Containers.

VOTE: 4-0

The Purchasing Agent explained the results of proposals received on Scrap Metal Removal. The proposals have been separated into three (3) categories namely 1) Scrap Metal; 2) Tin Cans and 3) Bulky Waste. It was recommended that the bid on Scrap Metal be awarded to the high bidder Grimm Industries at a price of 46% of current market and on Tin Cans to Maine Metal Recycling who presently offers a price equal to 31% of current market. It was recommended that an award of a contract for Bulky Waste not be made at this time because the prices submitted were higher than the City's current ability to dispose of the material through Casella Waste Systems.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 13, 2006

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis , seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(10-2006) To award Bid 2006-006 for Scrap Metal Removal for a two year period as follows:

Item

Awarded to

Scrap Metal	Grimmel Industries (45% of current market)
Tin Cans	Maine Metal Recycling (31% of current market)
Bulky Waste	do not award at this time

VOTE: 4-0

At this time, a request was made for two (2) volunteers to serve on a Selection Review Committee for Engineering firms to design the repair work at the Canal Street Parking Garage. Chairman Provencher and Councilor O'Brien volunteered to serve on the Selection Review Committee.

At this time, the Committee reviewed the financial impact of the proposed FY07 Capital Improvement Program. Chairman Provencher discussed his analysis of the financial impact on the City's bonded indebtedness and indicated that he had the same concerns as last year that the City's growth in assessed valuation was not keeping up with the City's percentage increase in bonded indebtedness. After a brief discussion amongst Committee members, the following action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Mark Paradis , seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(11-2006) After review of the Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Improvement Program and the impact on the City's bonded indebtedness, the Finance Committee wishes to caution the City Council that bonded indebtedness increases should only be made commensurate with projected increases in the City's tax base. Bonded debt increases over the past four (4) years have averaged over 11% per year. Annually increases at this level going forward are not sustainable over the long term to taxpayers of this community.

VOTE: 4-0

VOTED:

To adjourn at 5:31 p.m.

Richard T. Metivier
Clerk
Finance Committee